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Ms. Darlene Standley Chief, Utilities Division Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

> Re: Docket No. 04-00434 - Wastewater Forum

Dear Ms. Standley:

On behalf of Washington County, Tennessee, Mayor George Jaynes asked that I reply to your request concerning bonding requirements that Washington County imposes on wastewater companies operating (or planning to operate) within Washington County's geographical boundaries. Washington County does not require any bond to be filed before a wastewater utility can construct or operate within Washington County. Presently, it is understanding that only the City of Johnson City and the Town of Jonesborough currently offer wastewater utilities in Washington County.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully your

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Honorable George Jaynes, Mayor of Washington County

VIA FACSIMILE